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SUBJECT: MFA SPOKESMAN ON LAND DAY DEMONSTRATION

1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFARIS DEPUTY PRESS SPOKESMAN (ABILEAH) LATE MARCH 30 PROVIDED EMBOFF THE FOLLOWING STATUS REPORT ON "LAND DAY" DEMONSTRATIONS IN ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. HIS REPORT, HE SAID, WAS BASED ON CONTACTS WITH THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND WITH CORRESPONDENTS WHO HAD WITNESSED VARIOUS DEMONSTRATIONS.

2. THE GAZA STRIP WAS VERY QUIET WITH NO BUSINESS STRIKE; 47 OF THE 48 TRUCKS GENERALLY OPERATING FROM GAZA WERE ON THE JOB. ONE TIRE WAS BURNT AT KHAN YUNIS. IN JUDEA AND SAMARIA (THE WEST BANK) THERE WERE BUSINESS STRIKES IN ALL OF THE MAJOR TOWNS EXCEPTING JERICHO, WHERE THE SITUATION WAS ABSOLUTELY "BUSINESS AS USUAL." AT NABLUS ONE "INCITER" AND ONE TEACHER HAD BEEN ARRESTED, AND THE BUSINESS STRIKE WAS NOT COMPLETE. IN EAST JERUSALEM AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO BLOCK NABLUS ROAD,

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BUT SECURITY FORCES PREVENTED IT. THUS FAR, THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF INJURED OR DEAD AND THE SITUATION IS "BETTER THAN EXPECTED." ABILEAH SAID THAT CORRESPONDENTS HAD TOLD HIM THEY WERE ABLE TO GET SOME PICTURES OF STUDENTS THROWING STONES AT THE BORDER POLICE, BUT THERE WERE NO SERIOUS CLASHES TO PHOTOGRAPH.

3. IN ISRAEL PROPER, THE SITUATION WAS COMPLETELY QUIET, WITH NOTHING HAPPENING EXCEPT SOME ORGANIZED, PEACEFUL RALLIES. PRIOR TO ELECTION TIME, ABILEAH SAID, THE ISRAELI ARABS HAVE POLITICAL INTERESTS TO MAINTAIN.

4. SPOT CHECKS WE HAVE MADE WITH CONTACTS IN GAZA AND NAZARETH TEND TO CONFIRM THE ABOVE.

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